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FOLLOWING IS MESSAGE FROM SYG, RECD BY USUN AT
APPROXIMATELY 10 PM FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SECRETARY KISSINGER:

QTE: MY DEAR SECRETARY OF STATE,

I WAS MUCH GRATIFIED TO NOTE THAT TODAY AGREEMENT WAS
REACHED BETWEEN THE REPRESENTATIVES OF EGYPT AND ISRAEL
TO IMPLEMENT, AS OF 0600 HOURS GMT ON 15 NOVEMBER, POINTS
C, D, E AND F OF THE AGREEMENT OF WHICH YOUR REPRESENTATIVE
TO THE UNITED NATIONS INFORMED ME ON 9 NOVEMBER 1973
AND WHICH WAS SIGNED BY THE PARTIES ON 11 NOVEMBER. I
HOPE VERY MUCH THAT THIS WILL PROVE TO BE A MAJOR STEP IN
SECURITY THE CEASE-FIRE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND THAT,
WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS EMERGENCY FORCE,
IT WILL PAVE THE WAY TO FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARDS A
SETTLEMENT.

IN THIS CONNEXION I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION MY PREOCCUPATIONS
CONCERNING THE NEXT STEPS IN THE PROCESS TOWARD A
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LASTING SETTLEMENT TO WHICH YOU YOURSELF HAVE MADE SUCH
AN OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION. ALTHOUGH THERE ARE MANY AND
VARIOUS STORIES IN THE MASS MEDIA CONCERNING THE NATURE,
TIME AND PLACE OF POSSIBLE NEGOTIATIONS, THERE IS, AS

FAR AS I KNOW, AS YET NO AGREED PLAN OR TIMETABLE.

I HAVE NO WISH TO INTERFERE IN ANY WAY IN THE IMPORTANT NEGOTIATIONS IN WHICH YOU ARE NOW INVOLVED WITH THIS END IN VIEW. I PERSONALLY WOULD WELCOME ANY METHOD WHICH COULD BE AGREED UPON UNDER ANY AUSPICES WHICH WERE LIKELY TO ACHIEVE THE END WE ALL HAVE AT HEART, NAMELY A LASTING MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT. I DO FEEL, HOWEVER, THAT IT IS IMPORTANT FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS THAT THE UNITED NATIONS SHOULD PLAY A ROLE IN THE FUTURE STEPS TOWARDS A SETTLEMENT. IT THINK THAT RECENT EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT THE UNITED NATIONS CAN PROVIDE A USEFUL CONTEXT FOR IMPORTANT NEGOTIATIONS, EVEN IF THEY ARE SOMETIMES CONDUCTED OUTSIDE THE WALLS OF THE UNITED NATIONS ITSELF. IN THE SECONDPLACE, I FEEL THAT THE UNITED NATIONS CAN PROVIDE A VARIETY OF SERVICES AS AN EXECUTING AGENCY WHICH CANNOT EASILY BE PROVIDED BY ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT OR ORGANIZATION. THIRDLY, I AM SURE YOU ARE AWARE THAT THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ORGANIZATION AND ESPECIALLY THE MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL OTHER THAN THE GREAT POWERS ALSO HAVE A VERY LARGE AND GENUINE INTEREST IN THE MIDDLE EAST QUESTION, AN INTEREST WHICH IS BEST EXPRESSED BY THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE UNITED NATIONS AND BY THE UNITED NATIONS INVOLVEMENT IN IMPORTANT STEPS RELATING TO THE MIDDLE EAST. THIS INTEREST SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED SO THAT THEIR ACTIVITIES MAY CONTRIBUTE CONSTRUCTIVELY TO THE SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM. RECENT EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN MOST HAPPILY HOW UNITED NATIONS ACTIVITY CAN COMPLEMENT BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS IN A MOST EFFECTIVE WAY.

I HAVE TAKEN THE LIBERTY OF EXPRESSING TO YOU PERSONALLY MY PREOCCUPATIONS IN THIS MATTER BECAUSE I AM SURE YOU WILL UNDERSTAND THAT MY SOLE INTEREST AS SECRETARY-GENERAL IS TO ENSURE THT THE UNITED NATIONS CONTRIBUTES AS MUCH AS IT POSSIBLE CAN TO THE SOLUTION OF THE CRUCIAL PROBLEM OF THE MIDDLE EAST.

YOURS SINCERELY,
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SECRETARY-GENERAL

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